



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/678,170  
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Applicant: David Joseph KROPACZEK et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2123  
Examiner: Dwin M. CRAIG  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING RECOVERY OF  
NUCLEAR FUEL FROM A FUEL POOL  
Attorney Docket: 24GA6001  
(HDP Ref. No. 8564-000042/US)

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Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Mail Stop Amendment**

**December 5, 2005**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005, the period having been extended to December 5, 2005 by a Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.